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1. DEPT HAS NOT RPT NOT SPONSORED THEATRE GROUPS SINCE 1966. PLANNING SEND ARENA STAGE TO U. S. S. R. ON EXPERIMENTAL BASIS FALL 1973. IF SUCCESSFUL, MAY RESUME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DRAMA ON LIMITED BASIS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. HOWEVER, NEXT PROJECTED DRAMA TOUR EXPECTED TO BE EASTERN EUROPE. THEREFORE UNLIKELY DEPT CAN SUPPORT SPANISH- SPEAKING GROUP TO ARA THIS FISCAL YEAR.

2. IF DR. ROJAS WISHES PURSUE SUBJECT ON PRIVATE BASIS, DEPT PASSES FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON APPROPRIATE TROUPES, WITH NO DRAMA PANEL EVALUATION.

3. MOST PRESTIGIOUS NY- BASED SPANISH- SPEAKING THEATRE TROUPE IS PUERTO RICAN TRAVELLING THEATRE COMPANY FOUNDED AND DIRECTED BY MIRIAM COLON EDGAR. ADDRESS IS 37 RIVER-
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SIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK, NY 10023. GROUP RECEIVES DONATIONS FROM NYC'S DEPT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, NY FOUNDATION, VINCENT ASTOR FOUNDATION, THE ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND AND THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS. THEY PERFORM IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, MOSTLY WORKS BY PUERTO RICAN WRITERS.

4. ANOTHER GROUP IS EL NUEVO TEATRO POBRE DE AMERICA, APARTMENT 3 A 335 WEST 85 TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10024. PEDRO SANTILIZ IS DIRECTOR. GROUP USUALLY GETS TOGETHER IN SUMMER ONLY BUT COULD REASSEMBLE FOR AN OVERSEAS TOUR. RUSH

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